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## C/O TED OLSON AND HIS UNIT RETURN FROM IRAQ

C/O Ted Olson, St. Louis Correctional Facility, has recently returned to the U.S. after serving with the 119th Field Artillery Unit in Iraq. His unit was deployed at Abu Ghraib prison for 13 months.

C/O Olson also worked at a level five detainee camp where he was instrumental in instituting many safety and security procedures for that camp. His unit handled the high level detainees and insurgents and assisted with the transports of hundreds



C/O Ted Olson, far right, with members of his unit.

of detainees and convicted Iraqi prisoners.

Unfortunately the unit lost one soldier to a sniper on a convoy.

"C/O Olson's return date to the facility is uncertain at this time," said Warden Blaine Lafler. "We're proud of Ted and his service to our country and look forward to his return to work."

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C/O Ted Olson

## MACOMB STAFF GO THE EXTRA MILE

The horticulture program at Macomb Correctional Facility (MRF) produced over 12,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables for the 2005 growing season.

Produce from the gardens contributed 7,000 pounds to the MRF food technology program and the food service dining hall.

The surrounding community benefited from the

horticulture program as well.

ARUS Frank Sgambati and ARUS Michelle Williams-Ward have delivered more than 5,333 pounds of produce, including lettuce, onions, Swiss chard, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, zucchini, cantaloupe, peppers and melons to community agencies such as the Salvation Army of Mt. Clemens, Macomb

County Food Program, and domestic violence agencies Turning Point and Huron House of Port Huron.

In addition, 60 pumpkins, totaling 880 pounds, were delivered by C/O Dave Bryson to the Genesee County Community Mental Health Agency for the local children.

The prisoners in the horticulture program in level II and those in the volunteer prison garden in level I grew the produce. Michael Walendzik, Horticulture Vocational Instructor, oversees the work of the prisoners in his program.

“The efforts of the Macomb program solidify a very positive relationship enjoyed with our community,” said Walendzik.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS DUE

Nominations for the department’s 2005 Professional Excellence Awards are due by the end of the year. Nominees selected to receive Professional Excellence Awards create the candidate pool for the 2005 Director’s Award. Please process any nominations through the steps outlined on the nomination form CAJ-041 by December 31. Recipients of these awards will be selected and the awards presented during the first quarter of 2006.

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Central Office in Lansing held a blood drive on November 23, the day before Thanksgiving and Red Cross personnel were very pleased with the results since contributions usually slow down around the holidays.

A total of 44 people showed up to donate which resulted in 33 productive pints of blood. There were four first-time donors.

Be sure to send information about your blood drives to [madziagl@michigan.gov](mailto:madziagl@michigan.gov).

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## MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN WINS AWARDS

The Michigan Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) recently received four awards on the state and international level.

The LETR earned the Spirit Award for outstanding service to the Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI) organization. In addition three awards were presented to the Michigan LETR at their International LETR Conference.

Michigan received third place in the photograph category *Law Enforcement as the Guardians of the Flame*. An award went to the Michigan group for having the fourth largest increase in gross revenue from 2004 to 2005. The group was also presented the Sapphire Award for a Level of Excellence in raising over \$250,000 in a state program.



In this award-winning photo, Police Officer Tom Bush and an athlete carry the flame to light the caldron at the 2005 Summer Games. Photo by Heather Hutchins, SOMI.

“These awards are a tribute to everyone on the LETR team, our many volunteers and the groundwork laid by past Directors,” said LETR Director Michael Marutiak, Special Alternative Incarceration Program.

For information on upcoming LETR events including the Polar Plunge, visit [www.somi.org/torchrun](http://www.somi.org/torchrun).

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## MORE TORCH RUN NEWS

Muskegon Correctional Facility recently held a silent auction that netted \$551 for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan. That brings the total raised this year by all three Muskegon area correctional facilities to \$9,357.

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## ADRIAN FACILITIES HOLD BLOOD DRIVE

The Gus Harrison (ARF) and Parr Highway (ATF) correctional facilities held their 13th Annual Big Goose Blood Drive on November 14. The annual event is held in memory of former RUM Steven Gosselin. The coordinators of the drive were: Thomas K. Bell, Deputy Warden, ARF; Sheryl Betts, Deputy Warden's Secretary, ARF; and Nola Fettig, RUM, ATF. The facilities exceeded the drive's goal of 50 units, netting 56 pints of blood, collected by the American Red Cross, Great Lakes Region Blood Services.

The annual Big Goose memorial blood drive has collected approximately 1,000 units of blood over the past 13 years.

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ARF Maintenance Mechanic Leonard Gust, (on the gurney in front) brother-in-law of Steve "Big Goose" Gosselin, gets ready to give.

## RUO ROHRIG SAVES BABY



RUO Jennifer Rohrig

Nine years of departmental training, quick action and a cool head may have saved the life of a 20-month-old baby by Florence Crane Correctional Facility RUO Jennifer Rohrig.

On November 3, while on her way to town, RUO Rohrig came upon a roll over accident. She was the first person on the scene and as she approached the upside down vehicle, she found a hysterical woman standing outside of the car and the baby pinned on her side under the caved in roof. RUO Rohrig quickly

assessed the scene and went to the child's rescue. She supported the baby's head while quietly talking and singing to the child to calm her and at the same time she also consoled the mother until the fire department and EMTs arrived.

The fire department used the Jaws of Life to remove the baby from the vehicle and she was then airlifted from the scene. The baby has since been reported to be fine, sustaining superficial wounds.

RUO Rohrig was assisted

by her 11-year-old daughter. Although she did as she was told and stayed back away from the scene, she took her own action by asking the bystanders if 911 had been called, calling her father, who was not far from the scene, and then retrieving the first aid kit from their own car, standing by with it, in case it was needed.

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# MDOC PROMOTIONS THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 2005

October 23

CARBERRY, PEGGY A	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	ALGER MAX
GERTH, DENISE L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	ALGER MAX
JOHNSON, ROBERT F	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	ALGER MAX
ROHRIG, BRENT M	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	CRANE FACILITY
SALO, THOMAS J	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	ALGER MAX
SMITH, ERIC D	CORRECTIONS PROGRAM COORD-A	MID MICHIGAN
VANSICKLE, JEFFREY D	CORRECTIONS RESIDENT REP	MACOMB
SIVAK, MILLARD	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	DEERFIELD
GRIFFIN, JAMES L	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	DEERFIELD
THRONE, GREGORY H	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	MUSKEGON
HENRY, FRANK K	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-3	RIVERSIDE
DARGAN, NANCY E	DEPARTMENTAL SPECIALIST-2	CENTRAL OFFICE
ROBY, L'SHAWNDA T	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
LAWRENCE, DEBORAH K	FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR-3	LAKELAND
WHITFORD, MICHAEL T	HUMAN RESOURCES DVLPR SPL-2	CENTRAL OFFICE
GALLAGHER, DEANN M	INDUSTRIES PRODUCTION LEADER-E	MICH STATE IND
MCKINNON, NAUSHI T	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASST-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
BINI, MICHAEL D	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAX
BRISTOL, STEPHEN L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	COTTON FACILITY
DALTON, ANGELA S	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	SCOTT FACILITY
WILSON, THESIA D	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	SCOTT FACILITY
BAK, ANN E	SECRETARY-A	STANDISH MAX
FOSTER, PATRICIA A	SECRETARY-A	MACOMB

November 6

AVERY, LARRY D	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
BATTLE, CHAD C	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
BRADLEY, RICKY L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
CUTTS, PHIL H	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
DRAKE, DEBORA	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
ENGLISH, LISA	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
FORD, DAVID L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	CRANE FACILITY
HADDEN, BRIAN J	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
IRBY, RONALD E	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	RYAN FACILITY
KIMBLE, JAY D	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
NIGHSONGER, THOMAS L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
RISH-DEPUE, NORMA	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
ROZEN, BRADLEY M	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK
WILLIAMS, KYLE A	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BELLAMY CREEK

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LOXTON, ROBERT J	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	MACOMB FACILITY
JONES, SABRINA C	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	THUMB FACILITY
ROSSELL, JACK L	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	CARSON CITY
BLACK, FREDEANE	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-3	CARSON CITY
HEGENAUER, CRAIG P	CORRECTIONS TRNSPRTATN OFCR-E	STANDISH MAX
HOFBAUER, MICHAEL R	CORRECTIONS TRNSPRTATN OFCR-E	MACOMB
MALINOWSKI, KRISTINE	CORRECTIONS TRNSPRTATN OFCR-E	MACOMB
BROWN, SHAWN-ERIK	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN
KALISEK, MARCY J	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN
KENNEDY, ETHELYN	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	SCOTT FACILITY
WILHELM, GABOR	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	MUSKEGON FACILITY
MARSHALL, NANCY L	STATE TRANSITIONAL PROFSNL-E	NEWBERRY
WILKINSON, SHEILA D	STATE TRANSITIONAL PROFSNL-E	BELLAMY CREEK
BROWNING, TAMU J	WORD PROCESSING ASSISTANT-A	EGELER FACILITY

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## HIAWATHA STAFF EARN AWARDS



From left: Regional Medical Administrator Terry Malloy, RN; RUO Robert Mattern, R.N. Christine Henson, RUO Jim Gustafson and Warden Linda Metrish

Michigan Department of Corrections Lifesaving Awards were presented to Hiawatha Correctional Facility (HTF) RUOs Bob Mattern and Jim Gustafson and R.N. Christine Henson.

This award was presented to the three staff members as a result of their efforts in saving the life of a prisoner at Hiawatha Correctional Facility.

“The quick response, proper employment of emergency techniques, and proper use of the AED, most certainly contributed to keeping the prisoner alive,” said Karen Dennis, HTF Health Unit Manager.

“These employees’ actions bring great credit upon themselves and the MDOC,” added Warden Linda

Metrish. “They all demonstrated the professionalism and willingness to become involved which is typical of Michigan Department of Corrections staff.”

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## ARUS TRAVELS TO HAITI

When ARUS Lyle B. Fales, Boyer Road Correctional Facility (OTF), learned about an orphanage in Haiti that was suddenly deluged with several infants all at once, he saw an opportunity to help.

“My wife and I felt that we should go and offer assistance,” said ARUS Fales. “We scraped together enough money to send my wife, but we just couldn’t come up with a way that I could go.”

When ARUS Fales shared his tale with co-workers at OTF, staff embraced the cause. On October 26, C/O Lois Carroll (OTF), Lt. Brenda Smith, Carson City Correctional Facility (DRF) and ARUS Teresa Chandler (DRF) along with

other staff members quickly organized a taco day to raise funds so that Fales could take the trip with his wife.

With the support of both OTF and DRF, staff raised nearly the entire cost of Fales’ airline ticket, which made it possible for him to go.

During his eight days in Haiti, ARUS Fales helped build cabinets and baby beds. He also assisted with many repairs on the compound. Hannah Fales worked with the babies, which was a 24 hour a day proposition.

The facility was located on a mountain in a remote part of the jungle.

“The last eight miles getting



ARUS Lyle B. Fales takes a break with some of the children at the orphanage.

to the compound were absolutely the roughest I’ve ever traveled in my life, and there is just no getting used to sharing sleeping space with tarantulas, rats, tree roaches and lizards,” said Fales. “It was hot, dusty, and difficult, yet one of the most gratifying times of my

life. I fell in love with the children and the country.”

“The generosity of our staff enabled ARUS Fales to help out in a difficult situation,” said Warden Kurt Jones. “They are always ready to step up to the plate when someone is in need.”

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## HARVEST GATHERING FINAL TALLY

The final numbers for the MDOC Harvest Gathering have been tallied. The department collected just over 11,300 pounds of

food. The total monetary donation came to \$5,348.

Contributions came from the Thumb Cor-

rectional Facility which collected 777 pounds of food in addition to \$704 in cash donations. St. Clair County and the

Macomb Correctional Facility each collected 300 pounds. Lakeland, Florence Crane and Camp Branch also totaled 300 pounds.

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# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AND L.U.C.K.

By Joseph Bouchard

"Next year will be better. I promise to do the following..."

As sure as the sun rises in the East, most of us will make resolutions to improve ourselves in the coming year. We will vow to eat better, spend less money, develop an enjoyable hobby and treat others more kindly. When we follow through with these pledges, the quality of our home life usually improves.

While we tend to focus on enhancing our situation outside of the job, what about our work life? Will the coming year on the job persist as in previous years? Are we programmed to lazily shuffle along the same path while at work?

Some people believe that destiny has much to do with changing ineffective and stale habits. They believe that their personal agent of fortune rolls the circumstantial dice while they helplessly accept fate.

I personally believe that it is entirely up to L.U.C.K., not the chance happenings of fate, but a four point checklist you can use when making resolutions that will affect your job. Luck entails: Look, Use resources well, Communicate and Knowledge. Sincere efforts in these areas will certainly make your work life more pleasant and productive.

**Look** – Improve your vigilance at work. Become an exceptional observer. Conduct frequent safety checks. Look for new patterns and transmit that information to colleagues. If you work in an office, look for ways to increase efficiency.

**Use resources well** – Reduce waste on the job. Monitor your own use of supplies. Formulate ways to conserve.

**Communicate** – Strive to speak in a clearer manner to peers, supervisors and prisoners. Use posturing and body language that is appropriate for the situation. Practice active listening.

**Knowledge** – Reacquaint yourself with key policy directives and operating procedures. Memorize your post orders, the rules in your area and other operational guides.

These positive changes will make your professional life more fulfilling. And when you find your job is more satisfying, the positive effect on your home life is undeniable.

Of course, you can't control it all. Not everything goes according to plan. But, you should realize that the direction of your life in the coming year is very much in your hands. It's up to you to make whatever changes for yourself that you deem necessary. Try the L.U.C.K. method.



Joseph Bouchard is a librarian at Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility